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SUBJECT: SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVING U.S. RESPONSE TO
FUTURE MAIL STRIKES

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE FINE EFFORT AND INGENUITY
DISPLAYED BY ALL POSTS IN DISTRIBUTING FEDERAL BENEFIT
CHECKS DURING THE RECENT SIX WEEK MAIL STRIKE. THE
ASSISTANCE OF THE CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE, EVEN ON A
SKELETONCREW BASIS, WAS INVALUABLE. HOWEVER, WE
REALIZE WE CANNOT DEPEND ON THIS ASSISTANCE ALWAYS BEING
AVAILABLE. EACH STRIKE WILL PRESENT US WITH DIFFERENT
CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHALLENGES.

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2. THEREFORE, WHILE THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IS STILL FRESH,

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE EACH POST TO SUGGEST WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN IMPROVE AND OR DEVELOP PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC CHECK DISTRIBUTION PLANS. SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS MIGHT BE: WHAT CAN WE DO AT THE U.S. END TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE POST? WHAT CANADIAN OR U.S. DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS, IN ADDITION TO THE MAIL SYSTEM, MIGHT WE UTILIZE. WOULD ADVANCE CONSULTATION BE POSSIBLE, ETC.

3. REPLTFS MAY BE BY OM, BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS PRACTICAL SINCE THE DEPT PLANS TO INITIATE

AGENCIES IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. ANCONSUL CALGARY'S CONTRIBUTION ALREADY RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED. NO FURTHER RESPONSE REQUIRED, UNLESS POST HAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS. KISSINGER

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